Impact on the Community

GIOVANNA

“The manner in which I was treated was respectful, uplifting, and confidence building... I am happy to report that I am successfully volunteering at the organization I decided on, and am currently volunteering in 3 departments!”

RODNEY

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TATE

“Tate had a few setbacks to finding suitable places to volunteer... he was born with CP, and had bad social anxiety. From the moment we stepped into the Volunteer Sudbury office everything went smooth. From the first day he went to his volunteer placement you could see a sense of accomplishment and happiness on his face.”

ORGANIZATIONAL TRAINING: REMOVING STIGMAS

Habitat for Humanity, Restore

As a manager of an organization who strives to be inclusive, the training offered by Volunteer Sudbury has helped immensely in managing our operations in a cooperative and inclusive manner. We understand that through education and understanding, we can remove stigmas and provide a safe and pleasant work and volunteer space for the diverse types of people, who volunteer and staff our Restore.

- MARTHA CUNNINGHAM-CLOSS, MANAGER
Volunteer Sudbury took every opportunity to promote the generosity of the Ontario Trillium Foundation funding the Valuable Volunteer Program. Check out some of the places that we have been in our community:

Defeat Depression Walk/Run, May 2018
Earth Festival, June 2018
Dragon Boat Festival, July 2018
ILSM and Volunteer Sudbury BBQ, July 2018
Cambrian College Vendor Fair, September 2018
International Student Welcome, October 2018
AND MORE!

WHO DID WE PARTNER WITH?

Volunteer Sudbury worked with various organizations, and partnered for intake, and training purposes. Who? Check our partners out below!
This year was a fantastic first year for our project. Not only did the funding allow us to reduce isolation in our community by providing them with a community connection, it ultimately changed lives. Let's look at what we accomplished this year:

- **95+ Participants Made a Meaningful Connection**
- **15+ Organizations Completed Empathy Training**
- **20+ Community Events Attended**

**REDUCING JUDGEMENT TOWARDS PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND MENTAL ILLNESS**

Not only did we provide Empathy Training, but we also provided various other training's to remove judgement, and promote education!

- **MENTAL HEALTH**
  - ACCESSIBILITY
  - SENSITIVITY

- **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**
  - RESILIENCY
  - AUTISM 101
WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2019

As we approach 2019, which is our second year under our Ontario Trillium Grant, we have a goal of creating a meaningful connection with 155 isolated persons, and reduced stigmas in 15 organizations! We plan to improve and reach our metric through the THREE following areas:

1 PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR CLIENTS

- Partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association - Referral
- Partnership with Sudbury Vocational Resource Centre - Training
- Fundraisers and Community Events by VS/BS - More Opportunities

2 EXPANDING ORGANIZATIONAL TRAINING'S

- Disability Specific Professional Development - Enhanced Education
- E-Learning Opportunities for Empathy Training - Accessible Education
- Meeting with Several Organizations to Understand Needs

3 IMPROVED CLIENT INTAKE PROCESS - REMOVING BARRIERS

- Priority with OTF Survey - First Step in New Process
- Fundraising Events - Reduced Cost to Begin Volunteering (CRC, CPIC, TB)